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### **Commission Approves Alternative Teaching Performance Assessment**

(SACRAMENTO) – The Commission on Teacher Credentialing has approved a teaching performance assessment known as the Performance Assessment for California Teachers (PACT) developed by Stanford University and a consortium of public and private institutions of higher education. PACT will be used to assess the classroom teaching skills of California’s future teachers. The Commission took action at their October 4, 2007 meeting.

As a result of recent legislation, all teacher preparation programs must implement a teaching performance assessment beginning July 1, 2008. PACT is offered as an alternative to the California TPA, the state’s teaching performance assessment. Designed to capture the essence of subject-specific teaching, the PACT assessments are intended to improve teacher education program quality, measure and promote equitable instructional practices, and strengthen teaching and student performance. Each completed Teaching Event reveals information about the logic and coherence of the candidate’s curriculum, the appropriateness of their instructional decisions for students, the range of their pedagogical strategies, the quality of their assignments, their skill in assessing student learning, and their ability to reflect on their own teaching and make changes based on evidence of student learning.

The PACT was examined by an expert panel who recommended the approval to the Commission. The Commission, by law, must: “Establish a review panel to examine each assessment developed by an institution or agency in relation to the standards set by the commission and advise the commission regarding approval of each assessment system.”

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The PACT assessment system represents the work of a consortium consisting of the following institutions:

<b>UC</b>	<b>CSU</b>	<b>Private Institutions</b>	<b>District Intern</b>
Berkeley	Channel Islands	Holy Names University	San Diego City Schools
Davis	Chico	Mills College	
Irvine	Dominguez Hills	Notre Dame de Namur University	
Los Angeles	San Luis Obispo	Pepperdine University	
Riverside	Monterey Bay	St. Mary's College	
San Diego	Northridge	Stanford University	
Santa Barbara.	Humboldt State	University of the Pacific	
Santa Cruz	Sacramento State	University of San Diego	
	San Diego State	University of Southern California	
	San Francisco State		
	San Jose State		
	Sonoma State		

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